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DIARY NOTES

DD/S 

2 May 1960

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1. At the Deputies' Meeting this morning:

a. We discussed the Efficiency Task Force and, particularly, the draft memorandum which Lyman Kirkpatrick had proposed for the Director's signature and dispatched to each Deputy Director. I was asked to comment on the prospects for further reductions in DD/S. I pointed out that while we might be able to effect some further reductions in the Offices of the Comptroller, Personnel and Training, the increases necessary in the Offices of Security and, particularly, Communications would offset these relatively minor reductions several times. I explained the counteraudio problem and stated it was estimated that an additional 22 people during Fiscal Year 1961 and Fiscal Year 1962 would be required to accomplish this function. I also reviewed in some detail the Communications situation and said that in lieu of a reduction in that office I thought that we would have to expand by at least 100 in Fiscal Year 1961. There were no arguments or protestations to counter my position. Lyman Kirkpatrick then recommended to the Director that the Task Force remain in being as a useful instrument to continue pressures to reduce; however, he suggested that his proposed memorandum be modified so as to eliminate any specific percentage reduction in Fiscal Year 1961. This was accepted by the Director.

b. We then discussed the current status of our proposed separation procedures and the Director again asked us to push along with this as rapidly as possible. Dick Bissell responded to this problem by saying that while he was in favor of a "RIF" he thought that it was highly desirable, if not necessary, to announce at the same time that we would have an early retirement program so that people could retire and would be glad to do so in their early fifties. He also said he thought that we should get this legislation for a period of five years. Gordon Stewart and I pointed out to Dick and the assembled group that whereas we felt that we could go ahead with our "RIF" program under our present authorities, it would take legislation to implement an early retirement program. Furthermore, unless we proceed with our "RIF" program under our own authorities and thereby convince both the Executive and Legislative Branches that we are doing everything reasonable to solve our problem, we are not likely to get any legislation. We also pointed out that we should strive for permanent legislation and not just for a five-year period. These views were accepted by everyone present. H

c. Lyman Kirkpatrick also recommended that we approach the committees of the Congress to get permission to construct our auxiliary building. The Director was lukewarm on this at best and I said that I would have a

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paper dealing with this subject in some detail on his desk within a few days.



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3. Also at the Deputies' Meeting this morning Lyman Kirkpatrick passed a memorandum to me which indicated that [redacted] Agency chauffeurs, had been collecting from other chauffeurs for a "numbers" racket for the past five years. (I talked to Jim Garrison about this and told him to take the necessary action to separate them.)

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4. I talked to Shef Edwards about the inadequate performance of [redacted] on a recent trip to the west coast. (I also asked Jim Garrison to get in touch with Shef about this situation.)

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6. I acquainted [redacted] with the results of my conversation with General Cabell concerning a replacement for Gordon Stewart and have made a date for the two of us to talk to General Cabell about this matter on Friday.

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